



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### FOOD DRIVE DAY

WHEREAS: Food insecurity affects an estimated 15.8 million households in the United States. Recognizing the need to address this critical issue, members of the National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC) participate each year in the nation's largest one-day food drive, collecting non-perishables and distributing the donations to local food banks; and

WHEREAS: Since 1993, the NALC "Stamp Out Hunger" Food Drive has collected more than 1.5 billion pounds of food and distributed the donations throughout over 10,000 cities and towns in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands and Guam. Last year, the NALC collected approximately 80 million pounds of food; and

WHEREAS: This year marks the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the NALC "Stamp Out Hunger" Food Drive, which will take place on May 13. Georgians are encouraged to participate by placing non-perishable food items next to their mailboxes on this day; and

WHEREAS: Food insecurity remains an important concern of our state and nation. Georgia recognizes all individuals, such as letter carriers, for their efforts in helping to alleviate hunger and support those individuals in need throughout the state and local communities; now

THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 13, 2017, as FOOD DRIVE DAY in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 5<sup>th</sup> day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand seventeen.



*Nathan Deal*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Chris W. Riley*

CHIEF OF STAFF